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Art Unit	2871
Examiner Name	George Y. Wang
Attorney Docket Number	34261-5100

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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- ii. ☒ Other **Response to Final Action submitted 10/31/03 - copy attached**
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Action mailed August 8, 2003, and together with the Request for Continued Examination enclosed herewith, Applicants submit the following claims and amendments. The following amendment is a duplicate of the response initially submitted to the U.S. Patent Office on October 31, 2003.

Claim 3 has been amended and claim 9 has been cancelled. Claims 3, 10-12 and 14-20 remain pending in the application.